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"IT SOUNDED ARTIFICIAL."
"IT SOUNDED LIKE A VOICE AT A DRIVE-THRU WINDOW."
I HAVE NO NEED FOR THIS FLESH ANYMORE.
AND IT IS A WEAKNESS I PREFER TO BE WITHOUT.
"THE HUMAN AND THE ROBOTIC SIDES OF CYBORG SPLIT APART.
"THEN A PORTAL OPENED... AND THESE PEOPLE WALKED THROUGH.
"WE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE THEY WERE FROM OR WHO THEY WERE, BUT THEY'D OBVIOUSLY BEEN PLANNING THIS INVASION FOR SOME TIME...AND WE WERE TOO BUSY FIGHTING EACH OTHER TO NOTICE."
"THEY LOOKED LIKE THE JUSTICE LEAGUE. ONLY SCOWLING. I MEAN FOR YOU, BATMAN, SCOWLING MORE THAN USUAL."
THEY'RE TRYING TO GET UP! WHAT DO WE DO, ULTRAMAN?
WE STRETCH OUR LEGS AND HAVE SOME LAUGHS!
WE BEGIN OUR MISSION, JOHNNY.
"MOST OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUES WERE WOUNDED OR UNCONSCIOUS.
"AND THANKS TO THE ATOM, SUPERMAN WAS ALREADY DYING FROM A KRYPTONITE SLIVER BURIED IN HIS BRAIN."
THIS WORLD NOW BELONGS TO THE CRIME SYNDICATE!
"THEIR FIRESTORM ANALOGUE OPENED UP OUR FIRESTORM, EXPOSING THE MATRIX THAT BINDS THE TWO MEN WHO FORM HIM.
"IT WAS LIKE STARING INTO THE SUN."
AAAARGHHH!
YOU SHARE THE SPARK OF CREATION WITH ANOTHER LIVING PERSON.
WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?
"WE HAD GOTTEN VIC CLEAR OF THE BATTLEFIELD.
"BUT EVERYONE STILL THERE WAS PULLED TOWARDS FIRESTORM...

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THE RED ROOM: CONTAINING THE MOST ADVANCED COLLECTION OF TECHNOLOGY, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, ON THE PLANET.
THIS WORLD IS OURS.
THIS WORLD IS OURS.
SO IF ALL THE OTHER HEROES WERE IMPRISONED INSIDE THE FIRESTORM MATRIX... WHAT HAPPENED TO FIRESTORM?
THAT'S THE MILLION DOLLAR QUESTION, PROFESSOR.
I'M A DOCTOR, CATWOMAN-- DOCTOR THOMAS MORROW-- AND I'VE SPENT MY CAREER STUDYING SUPER-HUMAN SCIENCE.
IF THE FIRESTORM MATRIX WAS TAXED WITH THAT MANY INDIVIDUAL PSYCHES HE'D BE COMPLETELY UNSTABLE. IF HE HASN'T DETONATED YET, HE WILL SOON.
HOW DID YOU MAKE IT HERE?
WE ESCAPED INTO A SEWER SYSTEM WITH VIC AND TO A LEAGUE SAFE HOUSE.
THEN WE TRANSPORTED TO DETROIT RIGHT BEFORE THE POWER WENT DOWN.
DR. STONE? YOU SAVED YOUR SON'S LIFE. CAN YOU DO IT AGAIN?
I... OH, GOD...
...VICTOR.
WE CAN SAVE HIM AGAIN, SILAS.
THE SYNTHETICS THAT FLOW THROUGH HIS VEINS HAVE PROBABLY KEPT HIS BRAIN ALIVE THIS LONG, BUT HE NO LONGER HAS THE ABILITY TO REPLENISH HIS SUPPLY ONCE THE PROTEINS HAVE BROKEN DOWN.
WE NEED TO GET INTO THE OPERATING ROOM AND FILTER HIS SYSTEM--
--THOUGH I'M NOT SURE SHE SHOULD BE GIVEN ENTRY.
WHAT? NO GIRLS ALLOWED?

DO EITHER OF YOU THINK BRINGING A WELL-KNOWN THIEF LIKE CATWOMAN INTO A CACHE OF THE WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS WEAPONS IS A GOOD IDEA?
I WOULDN'T HAVE BROUGHT CATWOMAN IF I DIDN'T TRUST HER.
SHE COMES WITH US, THOMAS.
THIS WORLD IS OURS
THEY'VE EVEN TAKEN CARE OF NIGHTWING!
YES, NIGHTWING.
BUT HIS REAL NAME IS RICHARD GRAYSON.
THEY'VE BEEN REPLAYING THE SAME CLIPS OVER AND OVER.
GRAYSON HAS MANY FRIENDS AND MANY PLACES HE CALLS HOME.
WE KNOW THEM ALL.
YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THIS, BATMAN?
NO.

I'M SORRY, DR. STONE. IF YOU CAN STABILIZE VIC, WE NEED TO LEAVE.
LEAVE? IT LOOKS PRETTY SAFE HERE.
I NEED TO FIND NIGHTWING.
AFTER THEY BROADCAST HIS IDENTITY? THIS GRAYSON PERSON IS PROBABLY ALREADY DEAD.
Illinois
MURDER AT THE CIRCUS
BA-LINK
WE DON'T KNOW THAT.
WHO IS HE?
HE'S A FRIEND.

MY MOTHER HAD A GARDEN FULL OF WILD SUNFLOWERS.
IT WAS THE STATE FLOWER, CHOSEN FOR ITS PREVALENCE DURING THE DAYS OF PIONEERS TRAVELING ACROSS THE KANSAS PRAIRIES.
LIVING WITH MY FATHER AS WE HAD TO, THE FLOWERS WERE A COLORFUL DISTRACTION TO HER MIND.
JUST LIKE THE MAN OF STEEL IS TO OURS.
I SPENT YEARS WARNING CONGRESS, THE PEOPLE OF METROPOLIS AND SUPERMAN HIMSELF THAT OUR OVERRELIANCE ON HIM WOULD NOT ONLY LEAVE HUMANS STAGNANT, BUT ALSO VULNERABLE.
WE STOPPED TRYING TO SOLVE OUR OWN PROBLEMS AND INSTEAD LOOKED UP INTO THE SKY...
...STARING AT THOSE BRIGHT COLORS.
THAT'S WHY THE WORLD IS DOOMED.
RRR?

METROPOLIS.
THE REMAINS OF GALAXY COMMUNICATIONS: A SUBSIDIARY OF LEXCORP.
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO SMELL FLOWERS.
RR.
I WILL SPEAK SLOWER THIS TIME SO YOU'LL UNDERSTAND ME: THE CRIME SYNDICATE'S TAKEN OVER THE THOUSANDS OF SATELLITES ORBITING EARTH. HOWEVER, THERE ARE OTHERS BEYOND THEIR REACH, INSULATED FROM THE WORLD AND THEREFORE THE SYNDICATE.
I HAVE TWENTY-SIX LEXCORP SATELLITES HIDDEN WITHIN THE ASTEROID BELT BETWEEN MARS AND JUPITER, FILLED WITH DATA I DON'T WANT ANYONE, INCLUDING CYBORG, GETTING INTO.
AT ANY GIVEN TIME, ONE OF THEM WILL BE WITHIN DIRECT SIGHT OF EARTH. CURRENTLY, IT'S LEXCORP SATELLITE "J."
MY SUIT DOESN'T HAVE THE CAPABILITY ON ITS OWN TO COMMUNICATE WITH IT. IT REQUIRES A DISH. SO OVER THERE.
PUT THE FLOWER DOWN AND LIFT THAT DISH OUT OF THE DEBRIS!!
RR!
LISTEN TO ME.
THIS IS THE ONLY WAY I CAN TRACK THE CRIME SYNDICATE'S MOVEMENTS WITHOUT THEIR KNOWING.
RR.
OKAY. YES.
THANK YOU.
RR.
THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL MIND STUCK WITH THE WORLD'S MOST UNDERCOOKED...
RAANKK

AS SOON AS I DIVERT POWER INTO THE DISH, WE RISK EXPOSURE. I'M GOING TO BYPASS THEIR SIGNAL RECEIVER AND PROCESS IT THROUGH MY LEX-SUIT.
AND I'D PREFER TO WORK IN SILENCE, CREATURE...
RR?
...SO CLOSE YOUR MOUTH WHEN YOU'RE BREATHING, WON'T YOU?
SATELLITE UPLINK COMPLETE. WELCOME BACK, MR. LUTHOR.
VEET
I'M ON-LINE AND SCANNING... THERE.
I HAVE THE SYNDICATE'S LEADER LOCKED.
AH. GOOD BOY.
JUST PUT IT DOWN SO IT'S FACING EAST.
FACING ME.
THIS WAY.

"ULTRAMAN."
TH
I HAVE MADE IT MY MISSION ON EARTH TO DESTROY ALL THOSE WHO WOULD ENSLAVE IT.
SO YOU'VE SAID, BLACK ADAM.
YET STILL - HERE I AM
SHAZAM!

KRAK OOM
NNGG!
YOU'RE TRYING ..TO HURT ME?!
WITH WORDS?
NO MORE WORDS FROM YOU.
RRGKKF!
KRNCHH

"SHAZAM"?
HOW SILLY.
Nn?

GRD?
YES, ULTRAMAN?
I...NEED METALLO'S LOCATION.
SERGEANT JOHN CORBEN A.K.A. METALLO IS CURRENTLY IN COMBAT WITH MILITARY PERSONNEL IN TOOELE, UTAH.
"HAVE A NICE DAY."
BOOOOOMMMM
ULTRAMAN'S FLIGHT PATH...HE'S AVOIDING FLYING OUT OF THE UMBRA OF THE ECLIPSE, SKATING ALONG THE PENUMBRA.
HE'S STAYING OUT OF DIRECT SUNLIGHT.
RR.
WHY WOULD HE BE DOING THAT?

CENTRAL CITY.
FORMER HOME OF THE FLASH.
EVEN I CAN FEEL THE HEAT COMING OFF THEM.
NO ONE MAKE A MOVE. LET ME DO THE TALKING.
THE ORDERS ARE SIMPLE, WHICH IS APPROPRIATE CONSIDERING WHO THEY'VE BEEN GIVEN TO.
YOU ROGUES WERE TO LEVEL THE REST OF CENTRAL CITY AS AN EXAMPLE TO THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO DISPUTE OUR AUTHORITY.
WHY HAVE YOU FAILED TO COMPLETE THIS SIMPLE TASK?
BECAUSE THERE ARE HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS.
AND THE CITY HASN'T BEEN EVACUATED.
PRECISELY THE POINT.
HEY!
DON'T YOU MOVE, KID. PUT THOSE HANDS IN THE AIR!
TRICKSTER.
I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING, COLD! I SWEAR! MY MASK HAS BEEN ITCHING ALL DAY!
ST-STOP LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT! DO YOU SEE HOW HE'S LOOKING AT ME?!
THEY'RE GOING TO MAKE A MOVE, PROFESSOR. I KNOW IT!
POWER RING--
THEY'RE GOING TO TRY TO KILL US!

SO I'M GOING TO KILL THEM FIRST!
WIZARD! WE NEED COVER! GET A FOG ON THE STREETS!
KRRNGGG
AAAIEEEE!
THE COLD...
...IT'S QUIETED THE RING.
IT DOESN'T HURT SO BAD ANY--
BOOOOMMM
POWER LEVELS 15%, YOU IDIOT.

FOG IS UP. WHAT NOW?
THAT TRIGGER-HAPPY LANTERN'S POWER IS BASED ON LIGHT. MIRROR MASTER MAY BE ABLE TO--
WE CAN'T SEE YOU, CAPTAIN, BUT WE CAN HEAR YOU.
THE LIQUID DROPLETS YOU'VE SUSPENDED IN THE AIR ARE EASILY TRANSMUTED TO HYDROGEN.
THEREFORE, I'D CAUTION HEAT WAVE AND THE TRICKSTER AGAINST USING ANY INCENDIARY POWERS OR DEVICES.
AND YOU, CAPTAIN COLD.
IT'S TIME FOR AN EXPERIMENT.
I CAN SEE YOUR DNA!

NEARLY ALL OF YOU HAVE HAD YOUR DNA REWRITTEN.
SOMEHOW YOU'VE BEEN FUSED WITH YOUR WEAPONS.
THOUGH I CAN UNTANGLE YOUR MALIGNED GENETIC CODE...
...AND SEPARATE YOU FROM THE COLD-GUN WITHIN.
LEAVING YOU POWERLESS.
WHAT'D HE DO TO YOU?
FORGET ME. WE NEED TO REGROUP. NEED AN EXIT OUTTA HERE.
THAT WINDOW, SCUDDER.
I'VE GOT OUR ESCAPE ROUTE OPEN! LET'S GO--!
BROOKE ALEXANDER HARDWARE

YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE!
KRRKSHH
KRRKSHH
SPLAAS
KLANG
COLD?

YOU THER-, PAL?
Gg.
OVER -ERE.
SCUDDER? WHERE ARE YOU?
I'M NOT SURE. WHEN TH- WINDOW WAS SHATTERED THE PATHWAYS S-- CROSSED
..WE WERE SEPARATED
WHATEVER TH -- SKULL-FACED FREAK D.D TO -- POWERS -RE ON TH- FRITZ.
I --N'T TRANSPORT US B--- TO CENTRA.. CITY
I CAN'T ACTIVA-THE M.RROR POR--S
AND MY POWERS ARE DIALED BACK TO ZERO. I'M UNARMED.
NOT TO MENTION I COULD USE SOME ICE FOR MY DAMN HEAD.
I'M GOING TO NEED AN APPLIANCE STORE AND THIRTY-TWO MINUTES TO FIX THAT.
YOU MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO JUMP THROUGH REFLECTIONS RIGHT NOW, BUT YOU CAN OBVIOUSLY SEE THROUGH THEM--SO TAKE A PEEK AROUND ME, SCUDDER.
ARE THE SYNDICATE ON MY ASS OR DO I HAVE TIME TO SAVE IT?
I DON'T SEE THEM. AT LEAS-. NOT YET.
BUT I DO SEE SOME... ELSE, COLD. AND I THINK HE'S WITH SUPERMAN!
WHAT? SHOW ME.
YEAH...

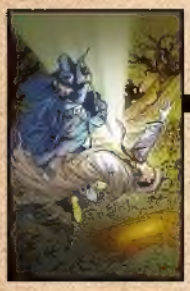
"...THAT SURE AS HELL ISN'T SUPERMAN."
RR.
NO!
WHOOSHHH
I TOLD YOU TO CHURN THE WATER, NOT BURN IT.
RR.

BLACK MANTA.

ULTRAMAN LEFT HIM FOR DEAD.
SO WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH HIM?
THE SYNDICATE KILLED AQUAMAN. THEY TOOK THE ONLY THING I WANTED FROM ME.
SO I'M GOING TO TAKE EVERYTHING FROM THEM. . .
LEX? LEX LUTHOR?
CAPTAIN COLD?
RRR.
IF I KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT YOU, I KNOW YOU'VE REFUSED TO JOIN THE SYNDICATE'S SOCIETY.
AND YOU'RE HERE TO ARGUE THAT?
NO. I ALSO KNOW YOU DON'T LIKE WHAT'S GOING ON ANY MORE THAN I DO, THOUGH MAYBE FOR DIFFERENT REASONS.
THE ROGUES AND I GOT ORDERS TO DECIMATE OUR HOME TURF. WE SAID NO. THE SYNDICATE TRIED TO FRY US.
RRR.
WHAT IS THAT THING?
A CLONE OF SUPERMAN THAT WILL TIE YOUR INTESTINES AROUND YOUR NECK IF I ASK IT TO.
DID HE DO THAT TO BLACK ADAM?
NO. ULTRAMAN DID.
THEN I HOPE ULTRAMAN'S FAR AWAY FROM HERE.
HOPE, CAPTAIN?
HOPE IS MEANINGLESS NOW.
HOPE WON'T SAVE THE WORLD.

BUT MAYBE TOGETHER...
...WE CAN.
NEXT
BATMAN VS. LUTHOR

FOLLOW FOREVER EVIL ALL MONTH LONG!



THIS WEEK

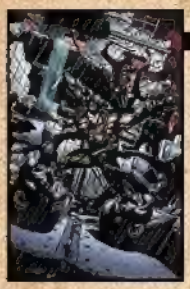
TRINITY OF SIN: PHANTOM STRANGER #13

A year in the making! The Stranger versus The Question — and the real loser is all of humanity trapped in the chaotic world of FOREVER EVIL!

NEXT WEEK

JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA #9

Who is the mysterious figure stalking Martian Manhunter and Stargirl as they try to break out of the prison of the Firestorm Matrix? And what price must they pay to escape?



FOREVER EVIL: ARKHAM WAR #2

Bane believes that the Court of Owls' assassins, the Talons, are under the control of his Blackgate Prison brothers. And that's just what Scarecrow and the Arkham Asylum psychopaths want him to think! Does Jim Gordon have any hope of restoring law and order to Gotham?

SUICIDE SQUAD #25

In a game of cat and mouse, Amanda Waller's ragtag Suicide Squad must outmaneuver the super-team led by her brilliant foe The Thinker for possession of the world's deadliest weapon: OMAC.

IN TWO WEEKS

FOREVER EVIL: ROGUES REBELLION #2

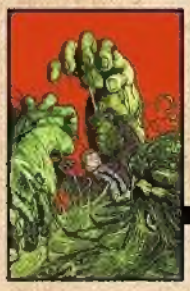
When the Rogues refuse a direct order to level Central City, they flee to Metropolis to escape the Syndicate's wrath. And they find that Parasite is all too eager to collect the bounty on their heads!

JUSTICE LEAGUE #25

The twisted origin of Owlman revealed! What does he REALLY want from the tortured captive, Nightwing?

TRINITY OF SIN: PANDORA #5

Pandora confronts the Syndicate's Outsider for answers regarding the shattered Pandora's Box. What she ultimately learns affects every immortal in the DC Universe!



IN THREE WEEKS

FOREVER EVIL: A.R.G.U.S. #2

Steve Trevor versus his old ally Deathstroke! Doctor Light's back…and he's pissed! And the key to finding the Justice League lies in the hands of…Killer Frost?!

JUSTICE LEAGUE DARK #25

"Forever Evil: Blight" Part 2! Their efforts to find Zatanna mysteriously blocked, the new JL Dark team must find another way by journeying to the perilous realm of the Collective Unconsciousness!

TEEN TITANS #25

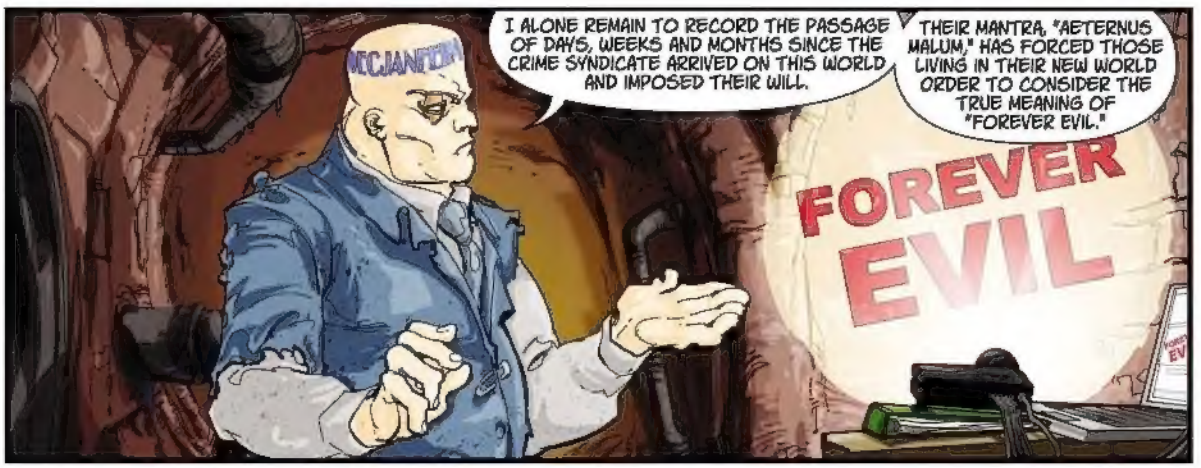
Disoriented and recovering from their battle with Johnny Quick and Atomica, the Titans arrive in a future where Kid Flash is a wanted fugitive!

AND NEXT MONTH

FOREVER EVIL #4

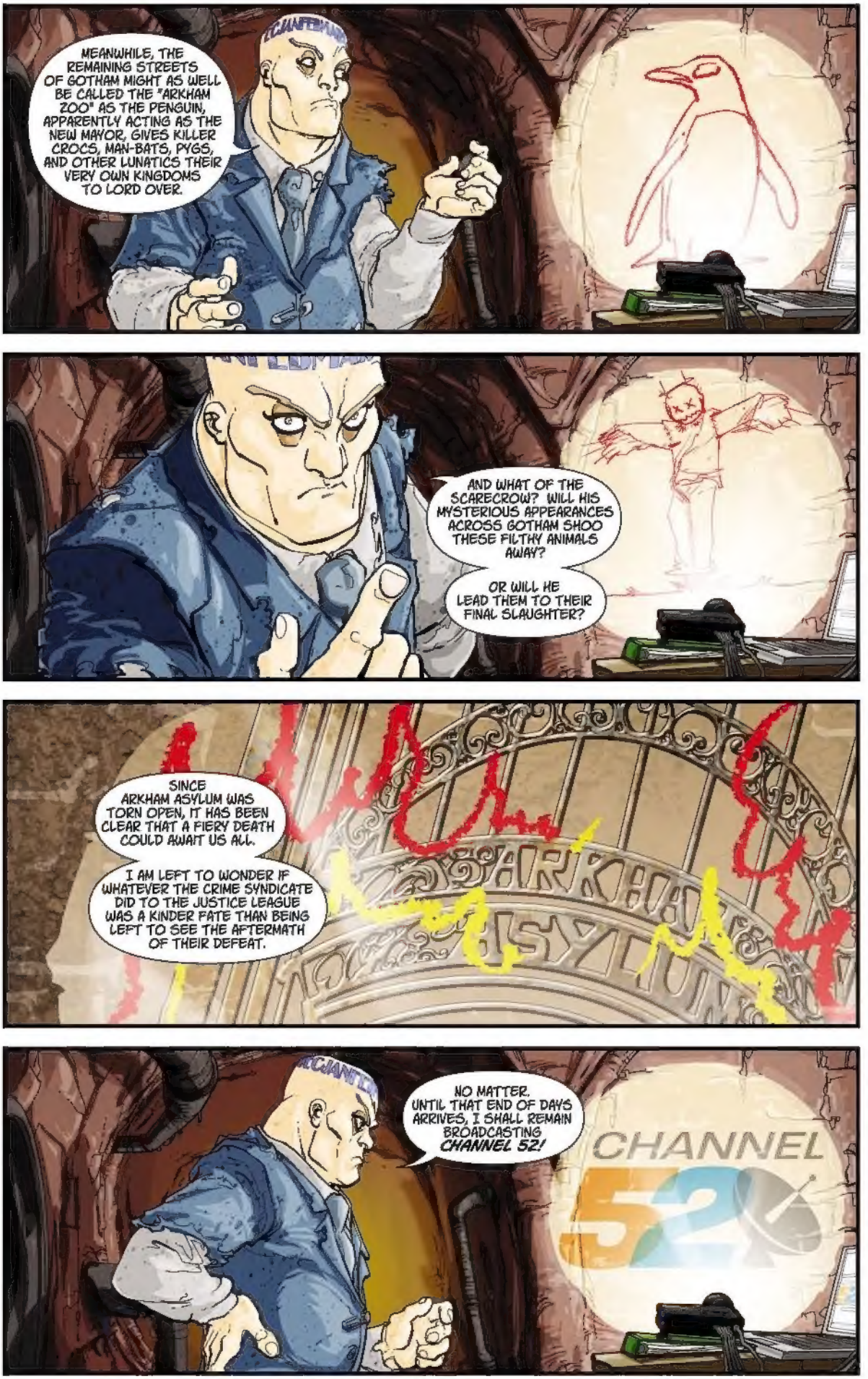
Lex Luthor versus Batman…with the fate of the Justice League in the balance!
The Syndicate obliterates another super-team in its wake!
And a last page that…well, you'll just have to see it to believe it!

WELCOME TO THE END TIMES!
I AM THE CALENDAR MAN AND I AM CHANNEL 52!
CHANNEL 52


I ALONE REMAIN TO RECORD THE PASSAGE OF DAYS, WEEKS AND MONTHS SINCE THE CRIME SYNDICATE ARRIVED ON THIS WORLD AND IMPOSED THEIR WILL.
THEIR MANTRA, "AETERNUS MALUM," HAS FORCED THOSE LIVING IN THEIR NEW WORLD ORDER TO CONSIDER THE TRUE MEANING OF "FOREVER EVIL."
FOREVER EVIL

I HAVE TAKEN TO THE SHADOWS OF GOTHAM CITY FOR SURVIVAL AT A TIME WHEN VIOLENCE AND ANARCHY RULE THE STREETS.
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CRIME SYNDICATE'S ARRIVAL, BANE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE WORLD'S MISSING HERO POPULATION TO GAIN CONTROL OVER THE REMAINS OF BLACKGATE PRISON.
THE CARNAGE LEFT IN HIS WAKE WAS STAGGERING.

WORD IS THAT BANE SEEKS THE REMAINING TALONS--THE ULTIMATE WEAPONS CONCEIVED BY THE LEGENDARY COURT OF OWLS.
BANE'S MASTER PLAN FOR GOTHAM CONTINUES TO UNFOLD, BUT IF THE TALONS FALL UNDER HIS CONTROL, ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.


MEANWHILE, THE REMAINING STREETS OF GOTHAM MIGHT AS WELL BE CALLED THE "ARKHAM ZOO" AS THE PENGUIN, APPARENTLY ACTING AS THE NEW MAYOR, GIVES KILLER CROCS, MAN-BATS, PYGS, AND OTHER LUNATICS THEIR VERY OWN KINGDOMS TO LORD OVER.
AND WHAT OF THE SCARECROW? WILL HIS MYSTERIOUS APPEARANCES ACROSS GOTHAM SHOO THESE FILTHY ANIMALS AWAY?
OR WILL HE LEAD THEM TO THEIR FINAL SLAUGHTER?
SINCE ARKHAM ASYLUM WAS TORN OPEN, IT HAS BEEN CLEAR THAT A FIERY DEATH COULD AWAIT US ALL.
I AM LEFT TO WONDER IF WHATEVER THE CRIME SYNDICATE DID TO THE JUSTICE LEAGUE WAS A KINDER FATE THAN BEING LEFT TO SEE THE AFTERMATH OF THEIR DEFEAT.
ARKHAM ASYLUM
NO MATTER. UNTIL THAT END OF DAYS ARRIVES, I SHALL REMAIN BROADCASTING *CHANNEL 52!*
CHANNEL 52

SON OF ULTRON